

supported by the specification at the following locations (citations and notes have been placed in bold type after the relevant portions of the claim):

Claim 15

A method for use by a business enterprise which manufactures vehicles having a plurality of joint types which are adhesively bonded (**Page 1, lines 17-20: plurality of joints; Page 8, lines 7-9: vehicles**), said method comprising the steps of:

identifying a joint of a certain type from said plurality of joint types; (**Page 1, lines 17-20: joints generally; Page 6, lines 12-15: full coach joint; Page 7, lines 2-5: half coach joint; and Page 7, lines 16-20: lap joint**)

determining an adhesive coverage percentage for said certain type of joint that maximizes bond strength while substantially eliminating adhesive seepage; (**Page 7, lines 6-20: coverage percentages; Page 7, line 25 through Page 8, line 9: bond strength and seepage**) and

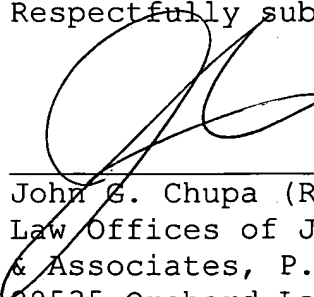
consistently using only said determined coverage percentage to adhesively bond all of said plurality of joint types which are of said certain type of joint throughout said business enterprise, thereby establishing standards for all adhesively bonded joints within said vehicles manufactured by said business

enterprise (Page 8, lines 14-21 and Page 3, line 19 through Page 4, line 3: consistent and standardized use of the determined percentage for a certain bond by the business).

The Applicants' undersigned attorney respectfully asserts that all of the dependent claims 16 - 22 are also supported by the specification. That is, each of these dependent claims elaborate upon the methodology and read similarly to the original claims filed for this Application.

For all of the above mentioned reasons, the Applicants' undersigned attorney respectfully asserts that the specification does adequately support the new claims 15 - 22. If the Examiner has any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 324-7787.

Respectfully submitted,



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